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# S. 2929

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds that—

5               (1) Nat King Cole—

6                       (A) was born Nathaniel Adams Coles in  
7               Montgomery, Alabama, during the difficult pe-  
8               riod of segregation in the United States; and

1 (B) was raised in the ghettos of the south  
2 side of Chicago, Illinois, where he endured the  
3 harshness of poverty;

4 (2) Nat King Cole was often confronted with  
5 racism during his career, including being attacked  
6 by members of a white supremacist group while he  
7 was on stage in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1956;

8 (3) Nat King Cole did not allow poverty or rac-  
9 ism to prevent him from—

10 (A) sharing his music with people world-  
11 wide; and

12 (B) leaving a lasting impression on Amer-  
13 ican culture;

14 (4) Nat King Cole established himself as the  
15 best selling African-American recording artist of his  
16 generation;

17 (5) Nat King Cole and his family became the  
18 first African-American family to integrate the com-  
19 munity of Hancock Park in Los Angeles when, de-  
20 spite threats and protests from local residents, they  
21 purchased their English Tudor mansion in 1948;

22 (6) “The Nat King Cole Show”—

23 (A) was primarily broadcast from Bur-  
24 bank, California;

1 (B) aired nationally for more than a year  
2 beginning in 1956; and

3 (C) was the first television show to be  
4 hosted by an African-American artist;

5 (7) Nat King Cole graced southern California  
6 with his music during the formative years of his  
7 music career and formed the successful “King Cole  
8 Trio” in Los Angeles, California;

9 (8) Nat King Cole’s recording of “Route 66”  
10 serenaded generations of eager California immi-  
11 grants;

12 (9) Nat King Cole’s recorded rendition of “The  
13 Christmas Song” symbolizes the family warmth of  
14 the yuletide season;

15 (10) Nat King Cole’s disarming delivery teaches  
16 people the meaning of “Unforgettable”;

17 (11) although Nat King Cole died from lung  
18 cancer on February 15, 1965, the music and em-  
19 bracing baritone voice of Nat King Cole are lasting  
20 legacies that continue to be enjoyed by people world-  
21 wide;

22 (12) Nat King Cole exemplifies the American  
23 dream by having overcome societal and other bar-  
24 riers to become one of the great American enter-  
25 tainers; and

1           (13) members of the community surrounding  
2           the Oakwood Station Post Office in Los Angeles,  
3           California, have advocated for the renaming of the  
4           post office in honor of Nat King Cole, a former resi-  
5           dent of the area.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NAT KING COLE POST OFFICE.**

7           (a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States  
8           Postal Service located at 265 South Western Avenue, Los  
9           Angeles, California, and known as the Oakwood Station  
10          Post Office, shall be known and designated as the “Nat  
11          King Cole Post Office”.

12          (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
13          ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
14          States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall  
15          be deemed to be a reference to the “Nat King Cole Post  
16          Office”.

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